



THE ANDERSON RECREATION CENTER

Summer Program Registration

Applications for summer programs, including the baseball school, girls basketball school, boys and girls lacrosse (Shooting Stars), the Rec. Center gymnastics school, as well as various art, craft and other sports programs, are now available.

The 58th Summer Playground Program will be conducted from June 27 to August 9 for residents in grades 1-6 (effective September 2012) and grades 7 & 8 (effective September 2012). Registration is being accepted for these programs as well.

Call 678-9338 for recreation schedules and fees or visit the Village web site www.rvcny.us

Summer Nursery School

Summer classes begin Monday, June 25 and run through August 10, in coordination with the Summer Playground Program. This program is for children entering kindergarten in September 2012 and 2013.

Call the Rec Center office at 678-9339 to make an appointment to visit.

Gymnastic Show

The department's Annual Gymnastic Show will be held June 1, 2 and 9.

The participants have been members of the gymnastic program for the

fall and winter seasons.

Tickets are now available.

Summer Instructional Sports Schools

Flyers are available for boys baseball, girls basketball, girls and boys lacrosse, and gymnastics schools during the summer 2012.

The 37th annual **baseball school** is open from June 27 to July 8 (no class July 4) for boys ages 6 to 13 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Barasch Field. The school is coordinated by Bob Hirschfield of New York Tech and costs \$325 for Rockville Centre residents.

A **basketball camp** for girls grades 3 through 10 is offered August 13 to 17 at the Rec Center from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fee \$255 per person.

Lacrosse camps for boys and girls ages 7 to 17 are at the Skelos Sports Complex July 9 through 12. The boys school is 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the girls is 5 to 9 p.m. Fee \$290 per person.

The **gymnastics school** for girls grades 2 through 9 is offered at the Rec Center July 25 to 29 from 1 to 4 p.m. Fee \$175 for five sessions for Rockville Centre residents.

Summer Birthday Parties

The Rec Center offers age-appropriate birthday parties, including one hour of organized activities in the gym followed by a half hour in the party room



Lacrosse camps for boys and girls ages 7 to 17 will be held at the Skelos Sports Complex this summer.

for refreshments and celebration. Parties are offered from June 27 to August 12, Monday through Friday from 4 to 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays beginning at 10 a.m., 12 or 2 p.m.

Detailed flyers are available at the Rec Center office or call 678-9338.

Aerobic Exercise Classes

Ongoing aerobic exercise classes by Nancy's Aerobics are being offered on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings beginning at 7.

Classes may be paid for by the session and are conducted in the air conditioned Rec Center gym.



Help the Village and yourself by recycling all your paper products —magazines, catalogs, newspapers, junk mail and cardboard — from the convenience of your curb on **Wednesdays**.

Recycling can save hundreds of thousands of dollars a year, lowering the cost of government and lowering your Village real estate taxes!

For information, visit the webpage www.rvcny.us/recycle/recycle.html.

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Dates & Events

Monday, June 4, 8 P.M.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Wednesday, June 13, 8 P.M.

BOARD OF APPEALS

Wednesday, June 27, 8 P.M.

BOARD OF APPEALS

Tuesday, June 19, 7 P.M.

PLANNING BOARD

Monday, July 2, 8 P.M.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Organizational Meeting

Wednesday, July 4

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Village Offices Closed

Wednesday, July 11, 8 P.M.

BOARD OF APPEALS

Wednesday, July 25, 8 P.M.

BOARD OF APPEALS

Wednesday, August 8, 8 P.M.

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Wednesday, August 22, 8 P.M.

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Holiday Sanitation Schedule

- ◆ Wednesday, July 4 – Independence Day
- ◆ No trash collection.
- ◆ No collection of bulk items or recyclable paper products.



To add your cell, work, unlisted phone number or email to the Village's automatic emergency notification system visit the Village website www.rvcny.us

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A rendering of the new main apparatus scheduled to be installed at the Recreation Center's playground this summer.

Renovations for the Rec Center Playground

The children's playground at the Anderson Recreation Center is scheduled for a major overhaul this summer.

The old playground equipment will be replaced with a new, larger apparatus and a new safety surface will be installed made of poured rubber that is mixed and applied on site.

"Conditions at the playground had deteriorated to such a degree that we needed to rehabilitate the area right away," said Mayor Fran Murray.

The Rockville Centre Board of Trustees voted unanimously in May to approve a \$133,000 bid for the rebuilding of the playground and the installation of the new surface and apparatus.

"This is only the beginning," Mayor Murray said, promising future improvements to the playground area using corporate donations and volunteer labor.

The current equipment has been in place since 1991.

Fireworks July 7!

The Village's 119th birthday celebration is Saturday, July 7. There will be food vendors and entertainment beginning at 6 p.m. The South Shore Symphony concert of summertime favorites will begin at 7:45 and the Grucci fireworks display over Mill River will begin about 9:15. Rain date: Sunday, July 8.

There is still time to make a tax-deductible donation in support of this event. Make checks payable to the RVC Guild for the Arts and mail to: RVC Guild for the Arts, Fireworks Celebration, P.O. Box 662, Rockville Centre, NY 11571-0662





VILLAGE HALL COMMENTS

Everything Old Is New Again

The Recreation Department has changed dramatically since its inception in 1956 when it was housed in a garage on Maple Avenue where the Water Department building stands today. Yet, the old standards remain ever-popular, tweaked a little to change with the times and augmented by new programs and activities to reflect popular interests and recent innovations.

The adult softball leagues, established in the mid-1960s, were joined by summer basketball leagues in the early 70s. In 2011, 147 youth and adult teams bounced into town on weekday evenings.

The recreational gymnastics program, which sprang up in the mid-70s with a few dozen participants, now proclaims a champion in our competitive gymnastics league, as well as 500 children ages 18-months through 15-years-old participating in several levels of training and instruction.

Our nursery school program, coordinated by Joan Schapiro, has provided quality pre-K experiences for the past 52 years. The program provides hands-on learning through trips to the fire and police departments, an ice cream factory, the library, the Oceanside Nature Preserve and Old Westbury Gardens. The summer playground program, running for its 58th consecutive summer added a Rec. program for 7th and 8th graders in 1995.

New programs instituted during the past few years are: fencing, T-ball, yoga for special needs children, and Zumba, among others. Those with a creative flair join Brush



By Anthony Brunetta,
Recreation Department
Superintendent

Our special events celebrating family and community are the best in the area, including KidsFest in conjunction with the Lions Club, Family Fun Run, 10K and 5K races, the Ragamuffin Parade, Breakfast with Santa's Helpers, the Easter Egg Hunt, the gymnastics show, and Memorial and Veterans' Day commemorations.

The Rec. Center was also one of only two Long Island locations chosen by Governor Cuomo to host the 9/11 10th Anniversary memorabilia exhibition.

In addition to the many programs offered and services provided by the Recreation Department, we work with the Girl Scouts Gold Award and Boy Scouts Eagle Scout service projects, blood drives, high school clubs and other organization fundraisers, extensive holiday and year-round food drives, Operation Christmas Child, Toys for Tots, and clothing and book drives.

Visit the village website for further information on programs and activities.

Co-authored by Deputy Superintendent of Programs Ginger Creegan.

Strokes, cartooning, Lego building, Mad Science, chess and Happy Piano music instruction for infants, toddlers and youth.

The Recreation Center is also home to Red & Blue and Green & Gold rehearsals, Kids Performing Who Kare drama group, middle school dances, the NCJW Senior Club, Homemakers, the RVC Youth Council, sewing classes, dog training and square dancing.

Community Notes

Tax News

Village tax bills due June 1 were mailed the week of May 28. Taxes may be paid without penalty until July 2 at the cashier's office on the first floor of Village Hall.

The tax office is located on the second floor of Village Hall, One College Place at Clinton Avenue, and is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Contact the office by calling 516-678-9242, by faxing 516-678-9306, or by e-mailing to taxoffice@rvcny.us.

Online Utility Payments Start June 1

Rockville Centre electric and water bill payments may be paid online effective June 1 by visiting the Village website at rvcny.us.

The website will accept credit card, debit card and e-check payments.

The new payment option will be monitored and if the program is successful, the option may be extended to other Village bills, such as real estate taxes.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Special Challenges for Summer Policing

Summer is coming and with it come challenges for all of us. Although burglaries are up throughout Nassau County, Rockville Centre has actually enjoyed a decrease in them. Much of it has to do with education, anti-burglary efforts and alertness by our residents. However, every burglary is a traumatic event for our residents so we must always be on guard to thwarting the menaces that commit them.

Summer is an opportune time for burglary due to windows being open, air conditioners masking noise and families enjoying vacations away from their homes. For tips on burglar-proofing your home, visit our website at www.rockvillecentrepolice.us.

Another challenge we face is the substance abuse by our young people. We are seeing kids at an early age involved with alcohol, marijuana and prescription drug abuse. Do not take this lightly. Children in middle school have been taken home to their parents or to the hospital due to their being intoxicated or high. A child that abuses these substances at an early age is more apt to experience substance dependency in later life.

There are people out there who make a living on getting your children hooked on these substances. Not only bad kids get involved with substance abuse; good kids get involved through naivety or peer pressure (not always friends) and it can create devastating results for a family.

Your police department is



By Police Commissioner
Charles Gennario

committed to ridding the Village of illegal drug use and will continue our aggressive efforts.

Kids are home from college and after a long year they feel it is time to relax. Often, they relax with alcohol. Drinking and driving still do not mix. With a vibrant downtown community, many kids feel they are safe in town and are "only driving a short distance to home."

We have lost many kids in this town who were close to home. We do not want to lose any more. Besides traffic accidents, they will have to deal with our patrol force who do not care that they are close to home, only that they are drinking and driving.

An arrest for DWI is an expensive proposition and can have a severe impact when applying for a job. The same warning applies to those that are enjoying a barbeque or a trip to the beach. Do not let a good time end with negative consequences.

One of the crimes we see as a result of the new drug epidemic is larcenies from autos. Lock your vehicles and DO NOT leave valuables or keys to your car or home in them. You are inviting people to take your property. It is the easiest crime to commit and the most difficult to catch. It only takes seconds to open a vehicle and take the property from it. Leave your vehicles in lit areas when possible.

If you see something that is not right, call us. If you think it is suspicious, it is. Let us decide if the call is warranted or not. We will decide if the person or vehicle belongs in the area.

For further tips and information visit our website at www.rockvillecentrepolice.us.

I want to take this opportunity to commend my executive staff on the completion of the FBI's National Academy. For a full year we sent one staff member at a time for a grueling 10-week course in professional development: Inspector Glenn Quinn, Lt. Ken Schaefer, Lt. Jim Vafeades and Lt. Chris Romance are all in a better position to lead this department for the next decade.

The community should be proud of this accomplishment. I wish to thank the current and former Board of Trustees for making this possible.

Please remember our troops fighting for our freedom and have a safe and pleasant summer season.



West End Community Day Aug. 25

The Annual West End Community Day will be held in front of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center on Centre Ave. Saturday, August 25 from noon to 4 p.m.



THE SANDEL SENIOR CENTER

For information about membership at the Sandel Center or about any programs or activities, please contact the Senior Center at 678-9245.

SPA's 11th Year

The Sandel Center's award winning SPA (Senior People in Action) is 11 years old! Participants enjoy exercise, special guest speakers, trips and special events. Get "off your rocker" and get fit with SPA in the company of fun people who have the same goal. Registration fee still only \$10.

This Month in Rockville Centre is not published in July and August. To keep current with Village events, visit the Village's website at www.rvcny.us and click on Calendar of Events.